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# Apartment not up to code



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**Flowers fill the bed** of a pickup near the apartment at 705 Pine St. where investigators were looking into the circumstances of a fire that claimed the life of Steamboat Springs resident David Engle. The fire took place early Sunday morning in the apartment, which is attached to a home at 243 Seventh St.

## City official: Units provide affordable housing

Zach Fridell

#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

The apartment where longtime Steamboat Springs resident David Engle died in a kitchen fire is not a legal residence and had no smoke detectors, fire

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Family and friends remember David Engle in memorial service Thursday. See page 3A investigators and city officials have confirmed. A city official also said there hasn't been a widespread crackdown on illegal units because they often provide needed afford-

able housing.

Fire Marshal Jay Muhme, who finished the inspection at 705 Pine St. on Wednesday, said Engle apparently fell asleep while cooking french fries, and a grease fire from the gas cooking range filled the apartment with smoke. The investigation also showed there were no smoke detectors anywhere in the small, converted garage apartment.

"It was a hot grease fire that burned pretty fast and consumed all the oxygen before it could burn very far," Muhme said. The adjoining unit, 243 Seventh St., had only minor smoke damage.

It is unclear if the apartment was required to have smoke detectors because there is no registered history of its conversion from a garage or any other

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### WEATHER



Mostly sunny.
High of 77.

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